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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communication filed May 1, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6 and 8-27.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Amendment

1. Acknowledgement is made of Amendment filed May 1, 2006.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-6 and 8-27 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Toh et al. (US 2003/0058284) teaches a memory card interface/reader 33 having a source icon 114, which is displayed in a grayed-out manner (or in non-selectable mode) if there is no memory card inserted in the memory card interface/reader (paragraph 37).

Shin et al. (US 5,987,134) teaches a smart card reader having the verification device 10, which is invoked or executed by the user clicking on the iconic symbol representing the application (col. 9, lines 3+).

Verissimo et al. (US 5,841,654) teaches a graphical representation of a Fieldbus network is created by first displaying an icon representing a computer. After the computer icon is displayed a user is permitted to select an interface device, for coupling the computer to the fieldbus network to be configured or controlled, from a menu of available interface devices. Upon selection of an interface device, an interface icon representing the interface is added to the graphic representation of the Fieldbus network with the interface icon being linked to the computer icon (col. 2, lines 52+).

Jones et al. (US 6,438,638) teaches a flash-memory-card reader reads and writes multiple types of flash-memory cards, including CompactFlash, and the smaller SmartMedia, MultiMediaCard, Secure Digital and Memory Stick.

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Applicant's remarks on page 8 of Amendment filed May 1, 2006 have overcome the prior art rejection. Toh, Shin, Verissimo, and Jones, taken alone or in combination thereof, fails to specifically teach wherein the card reader is operable to report an interface of a memory card inserted into the card reader; and wherein the display is operable to display an icon specific to the interface of the memory card inserted into the card reader, wherein the icon is selected from a plurality of possible icons, and wherein each of the plurality of possible icons is specific to a respective one of a plurality of different memory card interfaces.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kimberly D. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-2402. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on 571-272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Nguyen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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